

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, 21-27, 31, and 32 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claims 1, 14, 18, 27 and 31 have been amended and claims 13, 17, 21 and 22 cancelled as shown on pages 2-6 of the Reply. Applicants' representative notes with appreciation the indication that claims 16, 22 and 26 would be allowable if recast in independent form to include all limitations of respective base claims and any intervening claims.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

I. Objection to Claims 1, 3-16, 27, and 31-32

Claims 1, 3-16, 27, and 31-32 are objected to because of minor informalities. Withdrawal of this objection is requested for at least the following reasons. Claims 1, 27 and 31 have been amended to cure the informalities, and in view of this the rejection should be withdrawn.

II. Objection to Claim 17 Under 37 CFR 1.75(c)

Claim 17 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Withdrawal of this objection is requested for at least the following reasons. Claim 17 stands cancelled herein, and accordingly this objections should be withdrawn.

III. Rejection of Claims 1 and 3-17 Under 35 U.S.C §112

Claims 1 and 3-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Withdrawal of this objection is requested for at least the following reasons. Independent claim 1 has been amended herein, and in view of this the rejection is believed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

IV. Rejection of Claims 1, 6-15, 17, 27, and 31-32 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1, 6-15, 17, 27, and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brainard ("SecureSight" An Architecture for Secure Information Access", RSA Laboratories) in view of Hypponen (US 6,986,050 B2) further in view of Bathrick *et al.* (US 5,825,300). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for the following reasons. In view of

the incorporation of subject matter deemed allowable by the Examiner into independent claims 1, 27 and 31 this rejection should be withdrawn.

V. Rejection of Claims 3-5 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brainard (“SecureSight” An Architecture for Secure Information Access”, RSA Laboratories) in view of Hypponen further in view of Bathrick *et al.* further in view of Rahman *et al.* (US 7,114,080 B2). Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for the following reasons. Claims 3-5 depend from independent claim 1. As claim 1 is now allowable in view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

VI. Rejection of Claims 18, 21, and 23-25 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 18, 21, and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hypponen in view of Brainard further in view of Bathrick *et al.* Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for the following reasons. Claims 21 stands cancelled and claims 23-25 depend from independent claim 18. As claim 18 is now allowable in view of the incorporation of allowable subject matter, it is requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP319US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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